Good afternoon,
Please accept this letter of support for the UH Cancer Center. We would like this letter shared for both the Board of Regents Meeting as well as the Board of Regents Committee on Independent Audit Meeting. Thank you in advance,
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Dear Members of the Board of Regents,

The Board of Directors for the American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific would like to express our support for the University of Hawaii Cancer Center. The UH Cancer Center has been an important partner within the healthcare community of the state. With its various research and community out-reach and educational programs, the Cancer Center has had significant impact in the local community and in the lives of many cancer patients and their families.

We recognize the crucial role that the UH Cancer Center provides in our community in the following ways:

- Works with local hospitals to provide access to clinical trials that allow the people of Hawaii to receive potentially life-saving care without traveling to the mainland
- Conducts research that can extend and improve the quality of life for cancer patients in Hawaii and around the world
- Creates jobs here in Hawaii
- Creates internship and scholarship opportunities for Hawaii’s students

The absence of the Cancer Center in Hawaii would have significant consequences for our unique population in Hawaii. Access to lifesaving, clinical trials would be drastically reduced with the added burden of travel outside of the state.

The current NCI designation makes it possible for the UH Cancer Center to receive significant funding and leverage other funding for breakthrough research. Without this funding, not only does the research cease to exist, a large number of high-paying science and technology jobs will be eliminated, impacting the state’s economy.

The Cancer Center brings much value to our community beyond what is articulated here, and American Cancer Society Hawaii Pacific continues to be strong supporters of the UH Cancer Center.

Sincerely,

Rebecca S.Ward, Chair

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